

## **CMDCM(SS) Kurt Dessert**

### **Command Master Chief, Submarine Squadron Eleven**

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Master Chief Dessert was born in San Jose, Calif., on August 19, 1957. Upon graduating from Buchser High School, he entered the Navy in March 1977. He attended boot camp at Recruit Training Center San Diego, then Basic Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

His first submarine assignment was aboard USS Seadragon (SSN 584) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he qualified in submarines and earned his Silver Dolphins. He exited the Navy in March 1981 for just over three years then re-entered in November 1984, reporting to USS Omaha (SSN 692). During his tour, Omaha completed a refueling overhaul, deployed to the Western Pacific and Pacific Northwest.

His first shore tour was at Submarine Group Five SMMS PMT in San Diego, where he was promoted to Machinist Mate Chief Petty Officer. In March 1992, he reported aboard Deep Submergence Unit Detachment Unmanned Vehicles, at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego. During this tour he was the Division Officer for the Advanced Tethered Vehicle (ATV). He completed the acceptance of the vehicle and deployed with it to the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii twice for scientific operations. He also completed many salvage operations.

He reported to USS Houston (SSN 713) as the Division LCPO in April 1995. During this tour he advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer and qualified for assignment as Chief of the Boat. In June 1997, he assumed the responsibilities of Engineering Department Leading Chief Petty Officer at Submarine Training Facility Detachment San Diego where he taught quality assurance and qualified as Master Training Specialist. He was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer while stationed there.

Master Chief Dessert graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy in October 2000, then reported to USS Michigan (SSBN 727) (Gold) as the Chief of the Boat. During his tour, his crew earned the Battle Efficiency "E" twice, Strategic "S" twice, Damage Control "DC", and Engineering red "E".

In October 2003, Master Chief Dessert returned to Submarine Training Facility Detachment San Diego as the Command Master Chief where he briefly served before being requested by the Force Master Chief to transfer to Naval Base Point Loma (SUBASE San Diego) as their Command Master Chief.

In September 2004, he was selected to become the Command Master Chief of Commander Submarine Squadron Eleven at Point Loma, Calif.

He is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (six awards).